

AGENDA



Thursday, November 1, 2007

Public Works

Item No. 15

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending Section 12-4-64(D) of the City Code to establish a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour on certain streets within the two neighborhood areas bounded by: 1) East Rundberg Lane to the north, IH 35 (North) West Frontage Road to the east, East Anderson Lane to the south, and North Lamar Boulevard to the west, and 2) Dungan Lane to the north, Wall Street to the east, Cross Park Drive to the south, and Cameron Road/Dessau Road to the west.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$5,170 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department for the installation of necessary signs.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356 allows a city to set a speed limit lower than 30 miles per hour, but not less than 25 miles per hour, on a highway if:

- the highway is not an officially designated or marked highway or road in the state highway system;
- the highway is 35 feet or less in width;
- vehicular parking is not prohibited on one or both sides of the street;
- the highway has less than four lanes used for vehicular travel; and
- the Council finds that the previous prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe.

The City of Austin Public Works Department recommends the 25 mile per hour speed limit for certain streets in the two neighborhood areas bounded by: 1) E. Rundberg Lane to the north, I.H. 35 (North) West Frontage Road to the east, E. Anderson Lane to the south, and N. Lamar Boulevard to the west, and 2) Dungan Lane to the north, Wall Street to the east, Cross Park Drive to the south, and Cameron Road/Dessau Road to the west. The lower speed limit will reduce the potential for vehicle-pedestrian accidents. Most of the streets within the area are eligible for a 25 mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Barwood Park, Cooper Drive, Georgian Drive, Gessner Drive, Glenn Lane, Guadalupe Street from 70 feet north of Bolles Circle to 100 feet south of Bolles Circle, Jennifer Lane, John Nance Garner Circle, East Powell Lane from Georgian Drive to 730 feet east of Georgian Drive, East Powell Lane from 430 feet west of I.H. 35 (North) West Frontage Road to I.H. 35 (North) West Frontage Road, Purnell Drive, Sam Rayburn Drive, Slayton Lane from West Rundberg Lane to Cooper Drive, East Wonsley Drive from 1250 feet east of Georgian Drive to I.H. 35 (North) West Frontage Road, Cross Park Drive, Dungan Lane from Dessau Road to 65 feet east of Dessau Road, Ferguson Lane from Cameron Road to 232 feet east of Cameron Road, Future Drive from Cross Park Drive to Pleasant Lane and Wall Street because these streets are either wider than 35 feet or have parking restrictions. They are not included in the recommended Code changes. The ordinance includes a finding that the previous prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe, in accordance with the statute.

Staff recommends that Section 12-4-64(D) be amended to add the following streets to the list of streets with a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

Beaver Street from Georgian Drive to Lamar Boulevard (North).

Brown Lane from Ferguson Lane to 420 feet north of Dungan Lane.
Capitol Drive from East Drive to Middle Lane.
Carpenter Avenue from Slayton Drive to Lamar Boulevard (North).
Deen Avenue from Georgian Drive to Lamar Boulevard (North).
Dungan Lane from 65 feet east of Dessau Road to Brown Lane.
Dungan Street from Pecan Drive to Walnut Drive (East).
East Drive from Fawnridge Drive (East) to Florence Drive.
Elliott Street (West) from Georgian Drive to Lamar Boulevard (North).
Fawnridge Drive (East) from Georgian Drive to the end of Fawnridge Drive (East).
Fawnridge Drive (West) from Georgian Drive to Slayton Drive.
Ferguson Lane from 232 feet east of Cameron Road to 510 feet east of Leisure Drive.
Florence Drive from Georgian Drive to the end of Florence Drive.
Future Drive from Pleasant Lane to the end of Future Drive.
Gordon Court from Glenn Lane to the end of Gordon Court.
Grissom Court from Glenn Lane to the end of Grissom Court.
Guadalupe Street from Elliott Street (West) to 120 feet south of San Jose Street.
Hackberry Lane from North Drive to the end of Hackberry Lane.
Home Place (East) from Georgian Drive to East Drive.
Home Place (West) from Georgian Drive to Slayton Drive.
Jan Court from Glenn Lane to the end of Jan Court.
Lavery Place from Florence Drive to the end of Lavery Place.
Leisure Drive from Pleasant Lane to Ferguson Lane.
Little Walnut Drive from Georgian Drive to the end of Little Walnut Drive.
Lola Drive (East) from Georgian Drive to the end of Lola Drive (East).
Lola Drive (West) from Georgian Drive to the end of Lola Drive (West).
Middle Lane from North Drive to I.H. 35 (North) West Frontage Road.
North Drive from Fawnridge Drive (East) to Rundberg Lane (East).
Oak Plaza from Dungan Street to the end of Oak Plaza.
Oakley Court from Glenn Lane to the end of Oakley Court.
Oertli Lane from Georgian Drive to the end of Oertli Lane.
Pecan Drive from Georgian Drive to Walnut Drive (East).
Pleasant Cove from Pleasant Lane to the end of Pleasant Cove.
Pleasant Lane from Ferguson Lane to Leisure Drive.
Powell Lane (East) from 730 feet east of Georgian Drive to 430 feet west of I.H. 35 (North) West Frontage Road.
Powell Lane (West) from Georgian Drive to Lamar Boulevard (North).
Primrose Street from Pecan Drive to Rosemary Lane.
Red Oak Circle from Red Oak Circle (South) to Georgian Drive.
Red Oak Circle (South) from White Oak Drive to Red Oak Circle.
Rosemary Lane from Oak Plaza to Primrose Street.
San Jose Street from Guadalupe Street to both ends of San Jose Street.
Schirra Place from Slayton Drive to Glenn Lane.
Shepard Drive from Carpenter Avenue to Cooper Drive.
Slayton Drive from Cooper Drive to Schirra Place.
Walnut Drive (East) from Georgian Drive to Pecan Drive.
Walnut Drive (West) from Georgian Drive to the end of Walnut Drive (West).
White Oak Drive from Georgian Drive to the end of White Oak Drive.
Wonsley Drive (East) from Georgian Drive to 1250 feet east of Georgian Drive.
Wonsley Drive (West) from Georgian Drive to the end of Wonsley Drive (West).